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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Amory

After the most careful consideration, ^{if it,} I can only say that the IG report is disappointing. While the intention was no doubt constructive, it ^{FORCES} ~~puts~~ SRS and its members, as dedicated government servants, ^{to} in the position of having to fight for their professional lives, which we intend to do. I hope we can continue to count on your support.

You may recall that in both our annual reports, we have stressed the problem of impact. It is not that we have doubted that we had made an impact, but that we had seldom been told directly ^{ITS extent,} ~~what it was.~~ This has made the direction of our efforts somewhat more difficult than it ^{NECESSARY,} ~~need have been.~~

It is, indeed, easy to deceive oneself in evaluating one's achievement. Nevertheless, when I recall the Director's San Francisco speech and our comments on it, I am struck with the thought that the evolution revealed in his recent Chamber of Commerce speech can hardly have been totally uninfluenced by SRS. Not only in our writings but in numerous conversations with ONE, OCI, ORR, and DD/P officials, we have unremittingly stressed the magnitude of the Soviet threat in the non-military fields and have

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urged specific and general measures to combat American complacency. Although we were not consulted in the preparation of the Director's speech, we believe that we have had an impact on those who were, and, perhaps, on ^{MAY} ~~himself~~ ^{the Director.} Since this speech, in our judgment, is the most important recent step of the Administration in the field of national security, we believe that our contribution to it, direct or indirect, consciously or unconsciously received, has fully justified our continuation as an entity. If this is a false judgment, it would be best to tell us so and point out where we have been mistaken. The IG report does not, in our opinion, do justice to the seriousness of our endeavor.

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Chief, SRS/DDI

25X1A9a You may recall that at the inception of the Staff the Director expressed to [REDACTED] his close personal interest in its success, and urged that we proceed boldly along the lines of the 25X1A9a [REDACTED] recommendations. We have had no indication of how successful we have been in his eyes. Perhaps a summary of what we consider to have been our principal creative themes might be helpful to him in forming an appreciation of what we have contributed to the Agency and to him. I believe that this could be stated in 2 or 3 pages.

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